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**TITLE 312 NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION**

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**Emergency Rule**  
LSA Document #12-519(E)**DIGEST**

Temporarily amends [312 IAC 9-3-2](#) by clarifying hunter orange requirements during the special antlerless deer season and adding a provision for reporting the taking of a deer on the department's electronic harvest reporting system. Temporarily amends [312 IAC 9-3-3](#) by adding the recurve bow to the list of archery equipment that can be used to hunt deer in the archery season. Temporarily amends [312 IAC 9-3-4](#) to govern hunting white-tailed deer in a designated county under an extra deer license by identifying counties for herd reduction and hunting deer on a department property. Effective September 15, 2012.

**SECTION 1. (a) This SECTION supersedes [312 IAC 9-3-2\(n\)](#).**

**(b) An individual who takes a deer must cause delivery of the deer carcass to an official checking station for registration in the name of the individual who took the deer or cause the reporting of the take by providing the information required by the department's electronic harvest reporting system on the occurrence of the earlier of the following:**

- (1) Within forty-eight (48) hours of the taking of the deer.**
- (2) Before the deer is removed from this state.**

The individual who delivers the deer carcass to an official checking station for registration or reports the take on the department's electronic harvest reporting system must provide true and accurate information that includes the information on the piece of paper described in [312 IAC 9-3-2\(m\)](#).

**SECTION 2. (a) This SECTION supersedes [312 IAC 9-3-2\(o\)](#).**

**(b) The head of a deer must remain attached to the carcass until the deer is registered either at an official checking station or through the department's electronic harvest reporting system.**

**SECTION 3. (a) This SECTION supersedes [312 IAC 9-3-2\(p\)](#).**

**(b) When a deer is registered:**

**(1) At an official deer checking station, the checking station operator must record the permanent seal number on the log, collect the piece of paper described in [312 IAC 9-3-2\(m\)](#), and give the seal to the individual. The individual must immediately affix the seal:**

- (A) between a tendon and bone;**
- (B) through a section of skin or flesh; or**
- (C) around a branched antler;**

**to prevent its removal (without cutting the seal or the body part to which it is affixed). The seal must be maintained until processing of the deer begins.**

**(2) Using the department's electronic harvest reporting system, the individual who took the deer or reported the take of the deer must record the confirmation number on the piece of paper described in [312 IAC 9-3-2\(m\)](#). This confirmation number must be maintained with the deer until processing of the deer begins.**

**SECTION 4. (a) This SECTION supersedes [312 IAC 9-3-2\(r\)](#).**

**(b) The permanent seal issued by the checking station or the department's electronic harvest confirmation number must be maintained with a deer that is gifted to another individual until processing of the deer begins.**

**SECTION 5. (a) This SECTION supplements [312 IAC 9-3-2\(s\)](#) and governs the activities of an individual who is hunting deer.**

**(b) An individual must wear hunter orange only in the counties where the special bonus antlerless season is authorized by [312 IAC 9-3-4\(h\)](#) from December 26, 2012, through January 6, 2013.**

**SECTION 6. (a) This SECTION supplements [312 IAC 9-3-2\(t\)](#) and governs the activities of an individual who is hunting deer.**

(b) A ground blind that is occupied must contain a minimum of one hundred forty-four (144) square inches of material on each side that is solid hunter orange and is visible from any direction only in the counties where hunting is authorized during the special bonus antlerless season authorized by [312 IAC 9-3-4\(h\)](#) from December 26, 2012, through January 6, 2013.

SECTION 7. (a) This SECTION supersedes [312 IAC 9-3-3\(b\)](#) and governs the activities of an individual who is hunting deer during the archery season.

(b) During the archery season established in [312 IAC 9-3-4\(c\)](#) of this rule, an individual must hunt deer only with the following equipment:

- (1) A long bow, recurve bow, or compound bow that has at least thirty-five (35) pounds pull with a valid license identified at [312 IAC 9-3-2\(f\)](#) of this rule.
- (2) A crossbow with a valid license identified at [312 IAC 9-3-2\(g\)](#) of this rule.
- (3) Arrows or bolts must be equipped with metal or metal-edged (or flint, chert, or obsidian napped) broadheads.
- (4) Poisoned or explosive arrows or bolts are unlawful.
- (5) For long bows, recurve bows, and compound bows:
  - (A) bows drawn, held, or released other than by hand or hand-held releases are unlawful; and
  - (B) no portion of the bow's riser (handle) or any:
    - (i) track;
    - (ii) trough;
    - (iii) channel;
    - (iv) arrow rest; or
    - (v) other device;that attaches to the bow's riser shall contact, support, or guide the arrow from a point rearward of the bow's brace height.

SECTION 8. (a) This SECTION supplements [312 IAC 9-3-4\(g\)](#) and governs hunting deer under an extra deer license in a designated county.

(b) A person may take an antlerless deer under this SECTION of this document only if:

- (1) issued a license to hunt deer with:
  - (A) a resident extra deer bonus antlerless license under [IC 14-22-11-10\(a\)](#) or [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(18\)](#);
  - (B) a nonresident extra deer bonus antlerless license under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(19\)](#);
  - (C) a resident youth consolidated hunting license under [IC 14-22-11-10\(b\)](#) or [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(24\)](#);
  - (D) a nonresident youth extra deer bonus antlerless license under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(32\)](#);
  - (E) a resident extra deer license bundle under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(18\)](#);
  - (F) a nonresident extra deer license bundle under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(19\)](#);
  - (G) a nonresident youth extra deer license bundle under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(32\)](#); or
  - (H) an apprentice license of the types identified in clauses (A) through (G) under [IC 14-22-12-1.7](#);
  - (I) a lifetime comprehensive hunting license under [IC 14-22-12-7\(a\)\(4\)](#);
  - (J) a lifetime comprehensive hunting and fishing license under [IC 14-22-12-7\(a\)\(5\)](#);
- (2) hunting deer without a license under [IC 14-22-11-1](#) and [312 IAC 9-2-14](#).

(c) The season for hunting deer under this SECTION of this document is as follows:

- (1) From October 1, 2012, through January 6, 2013, with a bow and arrow or crossbow.
- (2) From November 17, 2012, through December 2, 2012, with a firearm.
- (3) From December 8, 2012, through December 23, 2012, with a muzzleloading gun.

(d) The seasonal limit for hunting under this SECTION of this document is one (1) antlerless deer for each deer license issued under this SECTION of this document.

(e) An individual who hunts under this SECTION of this document may use bow and arrows, crossbow, or any firearms that may otherwise be lawfully used to take deer under [312 IAC 9-3](#).

(f) [312 IAC 9-3-2\(b\)](#) through [312 IAC 9-3-2\(d\)](#) and [312 IAC 9-3-2\(m\)](#) through [312 IAC 9-3-2\(z\)](#) apply to a license issued under this SECTION of this document.

(g) An individual must not exceed the county bag limit from each county as follows:

- (1) Adams - 2.

- (2) Allen - 8.
- (3) Bartholomew - 4.
- (4) Benton - 2.
- (5) Blackford - 1.
- (6) Boone - 4.
- (7) Brown - 4.
- (8) Carroll - 3.
- (9) Cass - 4.
- (10) Clark - 8.
- (11) Clay - 8.
- (12) Clinton - 2.
- (13) Crawford - 8.
- (14) Daviess - 3.
- (15) Dearborn - 8.
- (16) Decatur - 3.
- (17) Dekalb - 8.
- (18) Delaware - 4.
- (19) Dubois - 4.
- (20) Elkhart - 8.
- (21) Fayette - 4.
- (22) Floyd - 8.
- (23) Fountain - 8.
- (24) Franklin - 8.
- (25) Fulton - 8.
- (26) Gibson - 8.
- (27) Grant - 4.
- (28) Greene - 4.
- (29) Hamilton - 4.
- (30) Hancock - 3.
- (31) Harrison - 8.
- (32) Hendricks - 8.
- (33) Henry - 4.
- (34) Howard - 8.
- (35) Huntington - 8.
- (36) Jackson - 4.
- (37) Jasper - 8.
- (38) Jay - 2.
- (39) Jefferson - 8.
- (40) Jennings - 8.
- (41) Johnson - 8.
- (42) Knox - 4.
- (43) Kosciusko - 8.
- (44) LaGrange - 8.
- (45) Lake - 8.
- (46) LaPorte - 4.
- (47) Lawrence - 4.
- (48) Madison - 4.
- (49) Marion - 8.
- (50) Marshall - 8.
- (51) Martin - 3.
- (52) Miami - 4.
- (53) Monroe - 4.
- (54) Montgomery - 4.
- (55) Morgan - 8.
- (56) Newton - 4.
- (57) Noble - 8.
- (58) Ohio - 8.
- (59) Orange - 4.
- (60) Owen - 4.
- (61) Parke - 8.
- (62) Perry - 3.

- (63) Pike - 3.
- (64) Porter - 8.
- (65) Posey - 4.
- (66) Pulaski - 8.
- (67) Putnam - 8.
- (68) Randolph - 2.
- (69) Ripley - 8.
- (70) Rush - 1.
- (71) St. Joseph - 8.
- (72) Scott - 8.
- (73) Shelby - 3.
- (74) Spencer - 4.
- (75) Starke - 8.
- (76) Steuben - 8.
- (77) Sullivan - 4.
- (78) Switzerland - 8.
- (79) Tippecanoe - 8.
- (80) Tipton - A.
- (81) Union - 3.
- (82) Vanderburgh - 8.
- (83) Vermillion - 8.
- (84) Vigo - 8.
- (85) Wabash - 4.
- (86) Warren - 8.
- (87) Warrick - 4.
- (88) Washington - 8.
- (89) Wayne - 4.
- (90) Wells - 1.
- (91) White - 8.
- (92) Whitley - 4.

A county bag limit of "A", as used in this subsection of this document, is one (1) antlerless deer. Notwithstanding subsection (d), a deer taken in a county with a bag limit of "A" must be taken only from November 29, 2012, through January 6, 2013.

SECTION 9. (a) This SECTION is supplemental to [312 IAC 9-3-4](#) and governs the activities of an individual who is hunting deer on the following department properties:

- (1) Anspaugh Wetland Conservation Area.
- (2) Atterbury Fish and Wildlife Area.
- (3) Badal Trust Area.
- (4) Blue Grass Fish and Wildlife Area.
- (5) Cedar Swamp Wetland Conservation Area.
- (6) Chinook Fish and Wildlife Area.
- (7) Crosley Fish and Wildlife Area.
- (8) Curtis Wetland Conservation Area.
- (9) Deer Creek Fish and Wildlife Area.
- (10) Deniston Resource Area.
- (11) Durham Lake Wetland Conservation Area.
- (12) Eagle Lake Wetland Conservation Area.
- (13) Fairbanks Landing Fish and Wildlife Area.
- (14) Francis Slocum State Forest.
- (15) Glendale Fish and Wildlife Area.
- (16) Goose Lake Wetland Conservation Area.
- (17) Goose Pond Fish and Wildlife Area.
- (18) Greene-Sullivan State Forest.
- (19) Hillenbrand Fish and Wildlife Area.
- (20) Hovey Lake Fish and Wildlife Area.
- (21) Hufford Trust Area.
- (22) Interlake State Recreation Area.
- (23) Jasper-Pulaski Fish and Wildlife Area.
- (24) Jimmerson Wetland Conservation Area.
- (25) Kankakee Fish and Wildlife Area.

- (26) Kingsbury Fish and Wildlife Area.
- (27) LaSalle Fish and Wildlife Area.
- (28) Mallard Roost Wetland Conservation Area.
- (29) Manitou Island Wetland Conservation Area.
- (30) Maxincuckee Wetland Conservation Area.
- (31) Marsh Lake Wetland Conservation Area.
- (32) Mendenhall Wetland Conservation Area.
- (33) Menominee Wetland Conservation Area
- (34) Minnehaha Fish and Wildlife Area.
- (35) Mississinewa Lake (including adjacent lands administered by the department of natural resources).
- (36) Patoka Lake, except east of State Road 145 (in Orange County and Crawford County) and south of State Road 164 (in Dubois County and Crawford County).
- (37) Pigeon River Fish and Wildlife Area.
- (38) Rome City Wetland Conservation Area.
- (39) Ropchan Wetland Conservation Area.
- (40) Roush Lake Fish and Wildlife Area.
- (41) Salamonie Lake (including adjacent lands administered by the department of natural resources).
- (42) Salamonie River State Forest.
- (43) Splinter Ridge Fish and Wildlife Area.
- (44) Stucker Fork Fish and Wildlife Area.
- (45) Sugar Ridge Fish and Wildlife Area.
- (46) Tri-County Fish and Wildlife Area.
- (47) Turkey Creek Wetland Conservation Area.
- (48) Wabashiki Fish and Wildlife Area.
- (49) Wawasee Wetland Conservation Area.
- (50) Whirlledge Wetland Conservation Area.
- (51) Wilbur Wright Fish and Wildlife Area.
- (52) Willow Slough Fish and Wildlife Area.
- (53) Winamac Fish and Wildlife Area.

- (b) On the department properties listed in this SECTION of this document an individual:
- (1) may take one (1) antlered deer and one (1) antlerless deer during the special youth deer season in accordance with [312 IAC 9-3-4\(b\)](#); and
  - (2) must not take an antlerless deer with a firearm during the special antlerless only season established in [312 IAC 9-3-4\(h\)](#).

SECTION 10. (a) This SECTION is supplemental to [312 IAC 9-3-4](#) and governs the activities of an individual who is hunting deer on the following department properties:

- (1) Badal Trust Area.
- (2) Hovey Lake Fish and Wildlife Area.
- (3) Jasper-Pulaski Fish and Wildlife Area.
- (4) Kankakee Fish and Wildlife Area.
- (5) Minnehaha Fish and Wildlife Area.

(b) On the department properties listed in this SECTION of this document an individual may take not more than:

- (1) two (2) antlerless deer with archery equipment authorized in [312 IAC 9-3-3\(b\)](#) during the archery season in accordance with [312 IAC 9-3-4\(c\)](#) with a license type authorized in [312 IAC 9-3-2\(f\)](#);
- (2) one (1) antlerless deer with a muzzleloading gun authorized in [312 IAC 9-3-3\(e\)](#) during the muzzleloader season in accordance with [312 IAC 9-3-4\(f\)](#) with a license type authorized in [312 IAC 9-3-2\(i\)](#); and
- (3) the number of antlerless deer authorized in that county in accordance with SECTION 8 of this document from October 1, 2012, through November 16, 2012, and from November 29, 2012, through January 6, 2013.

SECTION 11. (a) This SECTION is supplemental to [312 IAC 9-3-4](#) and governs the activities of an individual who is hunting deer on the following department properties:

- (1) Anspaugh Wetland Conservation Area.
- (2) Cedar Swamp Wetland Conservation Area.
- (3) Curtis Wetland Conservation Area.

- (4) Deniston Resource Area.
- (5) Durham Lake Wetland Conservation Area.
- (6) Eagle Lake Wetland Conservation Area.
- (7) Goose Lake Wetland Conservation Area.
- (8) Greene-Sullivan State Forest.
- (9) Jimmerson Wetland Conservation Area.
- (10) Mallard Roost Wetland Conservation Area.
- (11) Marsh Lake Wetland Conservation Area.
- (12) Mendenhall Wetland Conservation Area.
- (13) Rome City Wetland Conservation Area.
- (14) Ropchan Wetland Conservation Area.
- (15) Splinter Ridge Fish and Wildlife Area.
- (16) Turkey Creek Wetland Conservation Area.
- (17) Wawasee Wetland Conservation Area.
- (18) Whirlledge Wetland Conservation Area.
- (19) Willow Slough Fish and Wildlife Area.

(b) On the department properties listed in this SECTION of this document an individual may take not more than:

- (1) two (2) antlerless deer with archery equipment authorized in [312 IAC 9-3-3\(b\)](#) during the archery season in accordance with [312 IAC 9-3-4\(c\)](#) with a license type authorized in [312 IAC 9-3-2\(f\)](#);
- (2) one (1) antlerless deer with a muzzleloading gun authorized in [312 IAC 9-3-3\(e\)](#) during the muzzleloader season in accordance with [312 IAC 9-3-4\(f\)](#) with a license type authorized in [312 IAC 9-3-2\(i\)](#); and
- (3) the number of antlerless deer authorized in that county in accordance with SECTION 8 of this document from October 1, 2012, through November 16, 2012, and from December 3, 2012, through January 6, 2013.

SECTION 12. (a) This SECTION is supplemental to [312 IAC 9-3-4](#) and governs the activities of an individual who is hunting deer on Fairbanks Landing Fish and Wildlife Area.

(b) On the department property listed in this SECTION of this document an individual may take not more than:

- (1) two (2) antlerless deer with archery equipment authorized in [312 IAC 9-3-3\(b\)](#) during the archery season in accordance with [312 IAC 9-3-4\(c\)](#) with a license type authorized in [312 IAC 9-3-2\(f\)](#);
- (2) one (1) antlerless deer with a muzzleloading gun authorized in [312 IAC 9-3-3\(e\)](#) during the muzzleloader season in accordance with [312 IAC 9-3-4\(f\)](#) with a license type authorized in [312 IAC 9-3-2\(i\)](#); and
- (3) the number of antlerless deer authorized in that county in accordance with SECTION 8 of this document from November 29, 2012, through December 2, 2012.

SECTION 13. (a) This SECTION is supplemental to [312 IAC 9-3-4](#) and governs the activities of an individual who is hunting deer on the following department properties:

- (1) Atterbury Fish and Wildlife Area.
- (2) Blue Grass Fish and Wildlife Area.
- (3) Chinook Fish and Wildlife Area.
- (4) Crosley Fish and Wildlife Area.
- (5) Deer Creek Fish and Wildlife Area.
- (6) Francis Slocum State Forest.
- (7) Glendale Fish and Wildlife Area.
- (8) Goose Pond Fish and Wildlife Area.
- (9) Hillenbrand Fish and Wildlife Area.
- (10) Hufford Trust Area.
- (11) Interlake State Recreation Area.
- (12) Kingsbury Fish and Wildlife Area.
- (13) LaSalle Fish and Wildlife Area.
- (14) Manitou Island Wetland Conservation Area.
- (15) Maxincuckee Wetland Conservation Area.
- (16) Menominee Wetland Conservation Area
- (17) Mississinewa Lake (including adjacent lands administered by the department of natural resources).

- (18) Patoka Lake, except east of State Road 145 (in Orange County and Crawford County) and south of State Road 164 (in Dubois County and Crawford County).
- (19) Pigeon River Fish and Wildlife Area.
- (20) Roush Lake Fish and Wildlife Area.
- (21) Salamonie Lake (including adjacent lands administered by the department of natural resources).
- (22) Salamonie River State Forest.
- (23) Stucker Fork Fish and Wildlife Area.
- (24) Sugar Ridge Fish and Wildlife Area.
- (25) Tri-County Fish and Wildlife Area.
- (26) Wabashiki Fish and Wildlife Area.
- (27) Wilbur Wright Fish and Wildlife Area.
- (28) Winamac Fish and Wildlife Area.

(b) On the department properties listed in this SECTION of this document an individual may take not more than:

- (1) two (2) antlerless deer with archery equipment authorized in [312 IAC 9-3-3\(b\)](#) during the archery season in accordance with [312 IAC 9-3-4\(c\)](#) with a license type authorized in [312 IAC 9-3-2\(f\)](#); and
- (2) one (1) antlerless deer with a muzzleloading gun authorized in [312 IAC 9-3-3\(e\)](#) during the muzzleloader season in accordance with [312 IAC 9-3-4\(f\)](#) with a license type authorized in [312 IAC 9-3-2\(i\)](#).

SECTION 14. SECTIONS 1 through 13 of this document expire on February 1, 2013.

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